



“What’s Buzzin’ in 2J”

Friday Newsletter

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What we did this week:

We finished up our Amazing Animals theme in Reading. The story selections were Little Grunt and the Big Egg by Tomie dePaola and Mighty Dinosaurs by Judith Simpson. The first story is fiction and the latter is nonfiction. We used the following reading strategies with these stories: predicting, inferring, summarizing, monitoring, clarifying, and questioning. We compared fact to fantasy with all the story selections in this theme. We spent three days this week writing our own stories about amazing animals. Today we drew and colored the animals depicted in our stories. We will be finishing up these stories next week.

In Math, we reviewed rounding to the nearest ten and estimating. Next week we will be adding and subtracting without regrouping. (I have introduced subtracting with regrouping, but it has not been our main focus yet.)

“All About Work” is our new unit in Social Studies. We had a great discussion about workers in our communities, why we pay taxes to support certain community workers (such as policemen, firemen, teachers), and why we need to work.

In Science, we learned that the Earth has three main parts: the core, the mantle, and the crust. We illustrated and labeled these parts of the Earth. Our illustrations will be on display in the hallway next week.

The class has been working on doing a better job of doing our work *quietly* so they do not disturb others. Thursday was a MUCH better day than the first three days of the week. ☺ I have also heavily stressed the importance of students doing their work to the best of their ability. Please remind your child to stay organized by putting their papers in the correct folder in their binders. Several students keep losing their papers and I find them in the wrong folders, crammed in their desks, on the floor, etc.!

Yearbooks will be for sale from 2/13-2/24 for \$10. All orders will be due on Friday, 2/24/12.

We have completed 100 days of school today! ☺

Have a wonderful weekend!
Mrs. James

Reminders:

Monday: Friday folders/ Lunch \$\$ due/ **Healthy Smiles Clinic**

Thursday: Library books due

Friday: Spelling Test

FYI: PE is Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear on those days.

Spelling Words for next week:

- barn
- core
- short
- morning
- fork
- four
- horn
- sport
- torn
- sort
- snore
- fort
- guess
- goes
- gave
- good
- heard
- heart
- hold
- hour

Feb. 14 will be our
Valentine Party
Sign-ups:
Cupcakes/Cookies:
Tanner
Healthy snacks:
Solara
Napkins/plates:
Clayton
Favors: Jake
Drink boxes: Kailey

There are 25
students in our class.